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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1653**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09471.0011

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Florence Nicolas <i>et al.</i>)	
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Application No.: 09/914,426)	
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Filed: January 7, 2002)	Group Art Unit: 1653
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METHOD FOR THE)	
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. Applicants request entry of the Amendment because it places the application in condition for allowance, or it will reduce the number of issues for appeal. In view of the Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and fee submitted herewith, this reply is due by February 10, 2005, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on the following page. Applicants present their remarks on the pending rejections after the amendments.